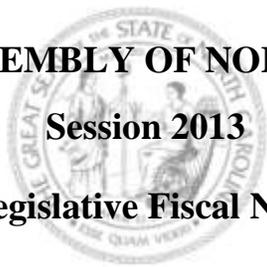


GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Session 2013

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 5 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Temporary Funding Extension for Group Homes.

SPONSOR(S): Representatives Dollar and Burr

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes ()	No (X)	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2012-13</u>	<u>FY 2013-14</u>	<u>FY 2014-15</u>	<u>FY 2015-16</u>	<u>FY 2016-17</u>
REVENUES:					
EXPENDITURES:					
POSITIONS (cumulative):					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Health and Human Services					
EFFECTIVE DATE: effective when bill becomes law and expires on June 30, 2013					

BILL SUMMARY: Authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to provide payments from the *Transitions to Community Living Fund* to group homes, as defined by 10A NCAC 27G.5601, for personal care services provided to residents who become in-eligible to receive these services through the Medicaid Program.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: S.L. 2012-12, the 2012 Appropriations Act, included two provisions affecting the delivery of Medicaid-funded personal care services (PCS) to residents of assisted living facilities, e.g. adult care homes, group homes, special care units, etc. Section 10.9F(c) changed the eligibility criteria for Medicaid PCS effective January 1, 2013. All persons receiving PCS were required to undergo an independent assessment to determine if they would meet the new eligibility criteria. Medicaid-funded PCS for individuals who did not meet the new eligibility criteria would cease on January 1, 2013. As required by S.L. 2012-142, approximately 18,556 individuals residing in adult care homes, group homes, and special care units were independently assessed to determine if they would meet the new PCS eligibility requirements. Approximately 43 percent, 8,100, of the persons assessed were deemed in-eligible. Of this group, 5,046 resided in adult care homes and 1,328 were in group homes.

S.L. 2012-142, Section 10.23A.(f) established and appropriated to the *Transitions to Community Living Fund* \$39.7 million NR to be used to continue to provide short-term PCS to those non-eligible residents for the period January 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013 or until the funding is depleted. However, as amended by S.L. 2012-145, Section 3.6, the Fund may be used for payments to adult care homes only. The *Transitions to Community Living Fund* may not be used to make payments to group homes for residents who lost eligibility for Medicaid-funded PCS on January 1, 2013.

House Bill 5 would allow group homes to receive payments from the *Transitions to Community Living Fund* for the period February 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013 or until the funding is depleted. DHHS may not use the fund to make payments to group homes on behalf of residents who are appealing the termination of PCS under G.S. 108A-70.9A. The Fiscal Research Division determined that there is no fiscal impact because the group home payments will be made from the existing appropriation and no additional funding is required to implement the bill requirements.

SOURCES OF DATA:

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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